Names of Corporations, Municipalities and other Local Bodies in the State which are not paying the Minimum Wages to their Workers.

*Q.—890. Sri Y. RAMAKRISHNA (Yelahanka).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the names of Corporations, Municipalities and other Local Bodies in the State which are not paying minimum wages to their workers even though the Minimum Wages Act is in force;

(*b*) whether they have received any representations in this behalf from the employees of such Corporations, Municipalities and Local Bodies from 1962 and onwards;

(*c*) the action they have taken to implement the Minimum Wages Act in these areas?

*A.—Sri D. DEVARAJ URS (Minister for Labour, Housing and Transport).—

(*a*) *Vide* Statement given below.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) All the defaulting Local Bodies have been issued directions by the Inspectors to pay wages to their employees at the minimum rates fixed by Government. The matter is also taken up with the concerned Deputy Commissioners of District and the Divisional Commissioners for issuing necessary diections to them. In appropriate cases show cause notices for prosecutions have been issued, and, where necessary they are prosecuted for non-maintenance of registers and records, etc. The Inspectors are advising the workers to file "claims" applications under Section 20 of the Minimum Wages Act for realisation of their dues.

STATEMENT

Names of Village Panchayats which have not implemented the provisions of the Minimum Wages Act, 1948.

Belgaum District

1	Hudli	13	Torgal
2	Kardiguddi	14	Halgatti
3	Badas Kh lasa	15	Nandihal
4	Yellur	16	Sur.ban
5	Yehkeri	17	Sirsangi
6	Tolagi	18	Ugargol
7	Bakewad	19	Murgod
8	Halashi	20	Sattigeri
9	Govankop	21	Munoli
10	Vakkund	22	Vadahalli
11	Kittur	23	Arbhavi
12	Buddarkatti	24	Suldhal

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Dharwar District

111	Karijaji	120	Misrikoti
112	Motebennur	121	Devikoppa
113	Masnoor	122	Dhummwad
114	Nagavanda	123	Gudgeri
115	Chickebbur	124	Arlikatti
116	Kappelur	125	Hebsur
117	Pudakalkatti	126	Bhairi Devankop
118	Kamdolli	127	Nigadi
119	Nalavadi		

Group/Village Panchayat Committee.

1	Hireharkuni	3	Anchatageri
2	Dastikop	4	Tegur

Town Panchayat Committee.

1	Alnavar	3	Unakal.
2	Annigeri		

Sri Y. RAMAKRISHNA.—May I know when the Minimum Wages Act came into force in the year mentioned in the statement?

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—On different dates.

Sri Y. RAMAKRISHNA.—May I know the total number of employees who are not getting this benefit?

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—Notice.

Sri Y. RAMAKRISHNA.—What are the difficulties expressed by local bodies in not implementing the Minimum Wages Act and how far as the Government been able to solve this difficulty?

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—The difficulties expressed are two-fold. One is, in some cases, the number of employees employed in each municipality will be very few in number; sometimes it will be 2, 3 or 4. There are certain exemptions given by Government. In some other cases, as you could peruse the list, the complaint is from village panchayats or town panchayets and there, the fund available for payment is also limited and if any increased pay is to be given, they have to approach the Deputy Commissioner or the Divisional Controller, whoever is the authority according to the Municipality Act, to give them permission to increase the fund;sometimes the fund is not available. Unless the employees come forward with a complaint, it is very difficult for the Inspector to enforce the Act. Whatever it is, as you could see, the Inspectors have gone and checked up whether the payments or made properly are not, and they have been informed also through notices, etc., to see that wages are paid. That is the Government action.